

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following is a complete listing of all of the claims. Please amend the claims as follows:

1. **(Currently Amended)** A leading edge member for an aircraft, the aircraft having a substructure, at least a portion of the substructure being attached to a partial airfoil skin, the partial airfoil skin being a first airfoil member of an airfoil, the leading edge member comprising:

an exterior surface and an opposing interior surface forming a surface thickness therebetween;

wherein at least one pocket is recessed into the interior surface of the leading edge member, each pocket defining a region of the leading edge member having a pocket thickness that is less than the surface thickness of the leading edge member, each pocket being configured to deform in response to an impact from an object with the leading edge member, the at least one pocket being disposed solely within the leading edge member;

wherein the leading edge member is configured for attachment to the substructure, such that the exterior surface of the leading edge member forms a second airfoil member of the airfoil;

wherein the second airfoil member is fixed in relation to the first airfoil member.

2. **(Previously Presented)** The leading edge member according to claim 1, wherein the leading edge member forms the leading edge of a wing member.

3. **(Previously Presented)** The leading edge member according to claim 1, wherein the leading edge member forms the leading edge of a horizontal stabilizer.

4. **(Previously Presented)** The leading edge member according to claim 1, wherein the leading edge member forms the leading edge of a vertical fin.